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Lesson 11 Vocabulary Words

Directions: Write a sentence for each word.

1. audacious
2. contumacy
3. dour
4. éclat
5. indefatigable
6. irresolute
7. obdurate
8. obsequious
9. pertinacity
10. stoic

WRITE THE CORRECT WORD

Write the correct word in the space next to each definition.

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| _____ 1. uncomplaining | _____ 6. tireless |
| _____ 2. excessively eager to serve | _____ 7. stern; harsh |
| _____ 3. daring; fearless | _____ 8. rebelliousness |
| _____ 4. undecided | _____ 9. hardhearted |
| _____ 5. brilliance in performance | _____ 10. stubbornness |

COMPLETE THE SENTENCE

Write the letter for the word that best completes each sentence.

1. The _____ of the rebels frustrated government efforts to reach a compromise.
a. éclat b. contumacy c. obsequiousness d. stoicism
2. With impressive _____, Mel listened to his sister rehearse her speech five times.
a. stoicism b. obdurateness c. éclat d. contumacy
3. Our _____ supervisor seems irritable and unfriendly most of the time.
a. audacious b. indefatigable c. pertinacious d. dour
4. People who lack self-confidence may welcome _____ flattery.
a. audacious b. obsequious c. obdurate d. irresolute
5. The brilliant pianist performed the Beethoven sonata with great _____.
a. pertinacity b. dourness c. éclat d. stoicism
6. The saying "If at first you don't succeed, try, try again" is all about _____.
a. audacity b. obsequiousness c. pertinacity d. stoicism
7. Mazal was unable to persuade the _____ police officer to waive her speeding ticket, even though it was clear she had a medical emergency.
a. obsequious b. irresolute c. audacious d. obdurate
8. The _____ student changed his college major several times.
a. obdurate b. irresolute c. indefatigable d. dour
9. The crowd applauded the _____ feats of the tightrope walker.
a. audacious b. obsequious c. pertinacious d. irresolute
10. Brian, seemingly _____ on the dance floor, didn't take a break for hours.
a. dour b. obdurate c. stoic d. indefatigable

Challenge: While one child remained _____ about whether to brave the deep water of the pool, the other _____ dove right in.
a. irresolute...audaciously b. stoic...indefatigably c. obdurate...obsequiously

- _____ 3. In the 1700s, American colonists _____ protested British taxes by dumping tea into Boston Harbor. (*contumacy*)
- _____ 4. The _____ of the expression on my boss's face suggested the meeting would not be pleasant. (*dour*)
- _____ 5. The teenage chess player defeated her older opponent with _____. (*éclat*)
- _____ 6. Mark is known to be _____ when confronted with obstacles. (*pertinacity*)
- _____ 7. While some people face life's challenges _____, others are more timid. (*audacious*)
- _____ 8. Once Christina embarks on a project, she works _____. (*indefatigable*)
- _____ 9. Despite mitigating circumstances, the judge _____ refused to consider a shorter jail sentence. (*obdurate*)
- _____ 10. Pioneers who traveled west in covered wagons often showed remarkable _____ in the face of many hardships. (*stoic*)

FIND THE EXAMPLE

Choose the answer that best describes the action or situation.

- _____ 1. A nickname for someone *dour*
a. Old Frownface b. Mary Sunshine c. Happy Jack d. Steady Freddie
- _____ 2. Something an *obdurate* person is most likely to do
a. accept defeat b. take advice c. reject advice d. listen intently
- _____ 3. NOT a good situation in which to be *stoic* about discomfort
a. hiding from danger b. taking an exam c. visiting a doctor d. competing in an event
- _____ 4. Usually the most *audacious* professional
a. story writer b. lion tamer c. opera singer d. reference librarian
- _____ 5. The most likely description of an *indefatigable* person
a. energetic b. lethargic c. lazy d. unmotivated
- _____ 6. An example of *contumacy*
a. quiet respect b. questioning unfairness c. following orders d. political rebellion
- _____ 7. The person most likely to demonstrate *éclat*
a. novice b. incompetent clown c. experienced pro d. scared toddler
- _____ 8. The person most likely to behave *obsequiously*
a. customs agent b. personal valet c. superintendent d. firefighter
- _____ 9. An *irresolute* response
a. I'm not sure. b. Absolutely! c. No way. d. Stop it now.
- _____ 10. A key feature of *pertinacity*
a. clear conscience b. frequent bad luck c. regret d. determination